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Re: Application of Hisayuki MIKI, Takashi UDAGAWA, Noritaka MURAKI, and Mineo OKUYAMA
ELECTRODE FOR LIGHT-EMITTING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME
Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.
Our Ref: Q80138
Continuation of Application No.: 10/136,377

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 10/136,377 (Confirmation No. 9083) filed May 2, 2002 of Hisayuki MIKI, Takashi UDAGAWA, Noritaka MURAKI and Mineo OKUYAMA entitled ELECTRODE FOR LIGHT-EMITTING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 13 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2822.

A **Preliminary Amendment** is being submitted herewith.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	9-118315	May 8, 1997
Japan	9-196025	July 22, 1997
Japan	9-236117	September 1, 1997
Japan	9-288770	October 21, 1997
US	60/055,991	August 18, 1997

The foreign priority documents were filed in Application No. 09/073,765, which is the parent application of Application No. 09/694,325, which is the parent application of Application No. 10/136,377, which is the parent application of the present application. The verified English translation of the provisional application was filed on March 17, 1998 in the provisional application.

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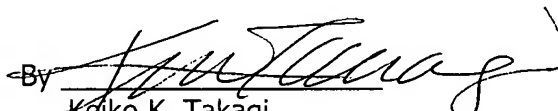
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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